

Call for papers

59th GEWISOLA Annual Conference

25-27 September 2019

Hosted by the Thünen Institute, Braunschweig (Germany)

The 59th Annual Conference of the German Society of Economic and Social Sciences in Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will be held from Wednesday, 25 September to Friday, 27 September 2019 at the Thünen Institute in Braunschweig (Germany). The conference theme is:

"Agriculture and rural areas in the course of societal change"

For this conference we ask for written contributions which will be presented at the conference. Poster contributions are also welcome, whereby the best poster will be awarded with prize money for the first time. In particular, contributions on the conference theme from the economic and social sciences of agriculture and related disciplines are invited.

Contributions on other themes may also be submitted if their content or methodology enhances knowledge in the areas of agricultural economics and rural sociology. Both, theoretically based and empirical studies are welcome.

Current issues are also to be discussed at the annual conference in self-organized work groups. Pre-conference activities are also a possibility. The program committee would welcome suggestions for both kinds of activity.

Key Dates

- Submission of proposals for self-organized working groups/pre-conference activities by **Friday, 1 February 2019** (confirmation of acceptance by 1 March 2019).
- Submission of written paper by **Monday, 11 March 2019** (confirmation of acceptance by 31 May 2019)
- Submission of poster contributions by **Monday, 13 May 2019** (confirmation of acceptance by 14 June 2019)
- Delivery of written papers revised in accordance with reviewers' comments for publication on the [conference website](#) and AgEconSearch by **Friday, 23 August 2019**
- Delivery of the completed posters for publication on the conference website and for the poster jurors (as PDF) by **Friday, 23 August 2019**
- Delivery of the final version of written papers and the summary of posters for publication in the conference proceedings by **Friday, 8 November 2019**

Explanations about the conference theme

Nothing is more constant than change. And every change causes new challenges. Important drivers of change shift over time and previously neglected effects of change come to the front in economic, political and societal discussions. With regard to agriculture and rural areas, the following fundamental topics, will emerge for the annual conference requiring in-depth scientific discussion:

- Opportunities and challenges of digitalization for agriculture and value chains as well as for living and working in rural areas
- Changes in the globalized "food system": changing values and eating habits
- Effects of changing societal demands on agriculture and land use, e.g. with regard to biodiversity, agricultural structure or distribution of land ownership
- Future of livestock farming against the background of changing human-animal relations and environmental policy objectives; regional economic effects of deconcentration of livestock farming
- Demographic change and securing skilled labor supply
- Regional disparities and equivalent living conditions

We welcome contributions from the economic and social sciences of agriculture as well as from other disciplines such as sociology, communication science, geography or political science.

Information for contributors

Written papers and presentations

The written submissions must be completely finished, may not exceed 12 pages (including literature but excluding title page) and can be written in either German or English. The formatting requirements and templates can be found on the [conference homepage](#).

Manuscripts are to be submitted as **PDF files** via the conference homepage by **11 March 2019**. The number of accepted presentations of submitted papers is limited to one presentation per speaker. If papers are submitted as multi-author papers, the intended speaker should be named. In the case of contributions in English, it should be stated whether the presentation is to be held in English or German. If it is to be given in German, the English title of the paper has to be given in German as well.

The review is carried out anonymously by two reviewers each. The following criteria are used for the evaluation: relevance of the topic, originality of the contribution, appropriateness of the methodological approach and comprehensibility of the presentation. Positively evaluated papers are presented at the annual conference in theme-based work groups and, where applicable, following the incorporation of the reviewers' comments, published in the conference proceedings. With their submission, the authors agree that their written contribution will be electronically distributed to the registered participants of the conference.

Self-organized work groups

Current issues in agricultural economics and social sciences are to be discussed in self-organized work groups with representatives from the areas of politics, economics and

society. The timescale is 90 minutes per working group. Proposals for these working groups should explain the theme on a maximum of four pages in either German or English, and outline the format: concept, timings, papers and speakers or panelists. Proposals are to be submitted by **1 February 2019** as a **PDF file** via the conference homepage. The program committee and board of GEWISOLA shall decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

Poster contributions

Suggestions for poster contributions should be on a maximum of two pages in either German or English giving the problem statement, the methods and the results of a piece of research. Submitted proposals are evaluated for their quality and the suitability of the content for the conference. Formatting templates can be found on the conference homepage. The proposals are to be submitted as a **PDF file** via the conference homepage by **13 May 2019**. Accepted posters are to be produced according to the information about posters on the conference homepage. The poster contributions will be grouped by topic and presented by their authors within a fixed timeframe in groups, run in parallel (max. 10 minutes for a short presentation and discussion per poster). Accepted and presented poster contributions will be published with a maximum two-page summary in the conference proceedings.

Pre-conference activities

There is the possibility to organize pre-conference activities on the morning of 25 September 2019. These can be workshops, meetings or discussion groups on self-selected themes. Proposals with information on content, structure, speakers and participants can be submitted on a maximum of two pages in German or English by **1 February 2019** as a **PDF file** via the [conference homepage](#). The program committee and board of GEWISOLA shall decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

Information and conference office

Further information on the annual conference can be found on the [conference homepage](#). If necessary, you may contact the conference office:

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